THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) According to the report received from the Government of Gujarat, there is no discrimination against the workers from Madhya Pradesh in Surat and no complaints have been received regarding workers being forced to work for less than the prescribed minimum wages. It has further been reported that the interests of these workers are being taken care of by the State Government.

Child Employment

78. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a notification was issued by Government on the eve of Children's Day, namely, "no Government servant shall employ any child below the age of 14 years (Article 309)"; and

(b) if so, what kind of punishment is to be given to the violators?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance & Pensions has issued an Office Memorandum dated 7th June, 1999 asking all the Government servants to ensure that no child below the age of 14 years is employed by them for domestic work. However, no notification has been issued in this regard.

ESIC Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

79. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ESIC has approved the establishment of any new hospitals in 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the State-wise distribution of new ESIC hospitals sanctioned in 1999-2000;

(c) whether any ESIC hospitals with 50 bed capacity have been sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh in 1999-2000; and

(d) if so, the details of such hospitals to be located in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The ESI Corporation has sanctioned establishment of one new ESI hospital in the State of Jammu and Kashmir in 1999-2000.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Benefits for Employees of Centrally Financed and Controlled Instrumentalities

†80. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that employees of various centrally financed and controlled instrumentalities are bereft of such benefits which are available to the employees of Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are making efforts to stop this open discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) With the approval of the competent authority, an instrumentality of the Government can make its own rules or adopt the rules of the Central Government

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.